

# Proclamation

by

Stephen L. Beshear  
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

- WHEREAS, Kentucky's economic competitiveness and quality of life are linked to its capacity to educate Kentuckians to high levels, yet only 22 percent of adults in our state age 25-64 had a bachelor's degree or higher in 2008, compared to the national average of 29 percent; and
- WHEREAS, The Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997 (HB 1) calls upon the Commonwealth to raise its standard of living and quality of life to at least the national average by the year 2020, and identifies increases in educational attainment as a key strategy in pursuit of the goal; and
- WHEREAS, For every 100 Kentucky students who enter the ninth grade, only 18 on average will attain a bachelor's degree; and
- WHEREAS, Adult learners represent a tremendous opportunity to raise the state's educational attainment levels and should be encouraged to continue their education regardless of where they are on their educational journey—be it learning to read, earning a GED, entering or returning to college, or completing a certificate or degree; and
- WHEREAS, Web-based information to help Kentuckians plan, apply and pay for college and take advantage of available state and federal programs and resources will improve access to higher education opportunities; and
- WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Kentucky, its educational partners, and business and civic groups are committed to do their part to ensure students and families understand the economic, social, and health benefits associated with going to college, both for individuals and the Commonwealth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim February 2010 as

**COLLEGE ACCESS MONTH**

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Ten and in the 18<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

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STEVEN L. BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trey Grayson", written over a horizontal line.

Trey Grayson  
Secretary of State

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TREY GRAYSON

SECRETARY OF STATE

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